(d) the action proposed to give wide publicity in order to make them a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) To create social awareness, two short films, *viz.* "Bheet" and "Boul Geet" produced by the Films Division in Bangla language have been telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata. Another feature film, "Daman" has been released in the cinema theatrical circuit in all over India including these States.

In addition, the following programmes are telecast through Doordarshan Kendras for creating awareness on Family Welfare and Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) issues:

(i) A magazine programme "Kalyani" is being telecast every week from Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati and seven other States;

(ii) Twenty-six episode serial "Sheela" on RCH/Family Welfare issues has been telecast from Kolkata and Bhubaneshwar; and

(m) Video spots on RCH issues are telecast through National Channel covering West Bengal, Orissa and North Eastern Region.

(b) to (d) Dissemination of information on various family welfare and RCH issues is one of the important objectives of this Department. This is being pursued through electronic and print media and through inter-personal communication and local specific activities. Since it is awareness generation programme, no target is possible to fix. However, our attempt is to coveryall eligible couples, mothers and adolescents in rural, hilly and remote areas.

Unrecognised MD degrees

4525. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many Institutes in the capital and other parts of the country that are awarding MD degrees to doctors that are recognized neither by Medical Council of India nor the Ministry;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) whether some of the doctors with such degrees have filed cases to get their degrees registered with Medical Council and the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take to amicably sort out the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There are some postgraduate medical courses being conducted in some of the medical colleges and non-teaching specialist institutions in Delhi and other parts of the country which are yet to be recognised. Some of the doctors have also filed cases with regard to non-recognition of their degrees. As per the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 each institution is required to obtain recognition under section 11(2) of the Act in respect of the medical courses conducted by it. The Medical Council of India has been periodically advising the concerned institutions to apply through the affiliating University to the Central Government for getting their degrees recognised.

Registration of medical practitioners with Delhi Medical Council

4526. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical practitioners in the capital who are not registered in the capital with Delhi Medical Council can literally escape with murder in the city as they are outside the regulatory authority of the State Council; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, any person possessing a medical qualification included in the Schedule to the said Act shall be eligible for enroll-rnent on any State Medical Register which shall entitle him for practice of medicine in the concerned State. The Registrar of the Medical Council of India, may, on receipt of report of registration of a person in a State Medical Register or on application made in the prescribed manner by any such person, enter his name in the Indian Medical Register. A person whose name is borne in the Indian Medical Register shall be entitled, according to his qualifications, to practice as a medical practitioner in any part of India.

The Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 specify various professional misconduct and unethical acts